



**Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2836**

**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK FINAL OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ryosaku NAKATA) Confirmation No. 9228
Application No.: 10/538,080) Group Art Unit: 2836
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For: DEVICE FOR PROTECTION)
FROM THUNDER (As Amended)) **Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for response to which extends through February 20, 2007, (February 18, 2007 was a Sunday, and February 19, 2007 was a federal holiday) entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.